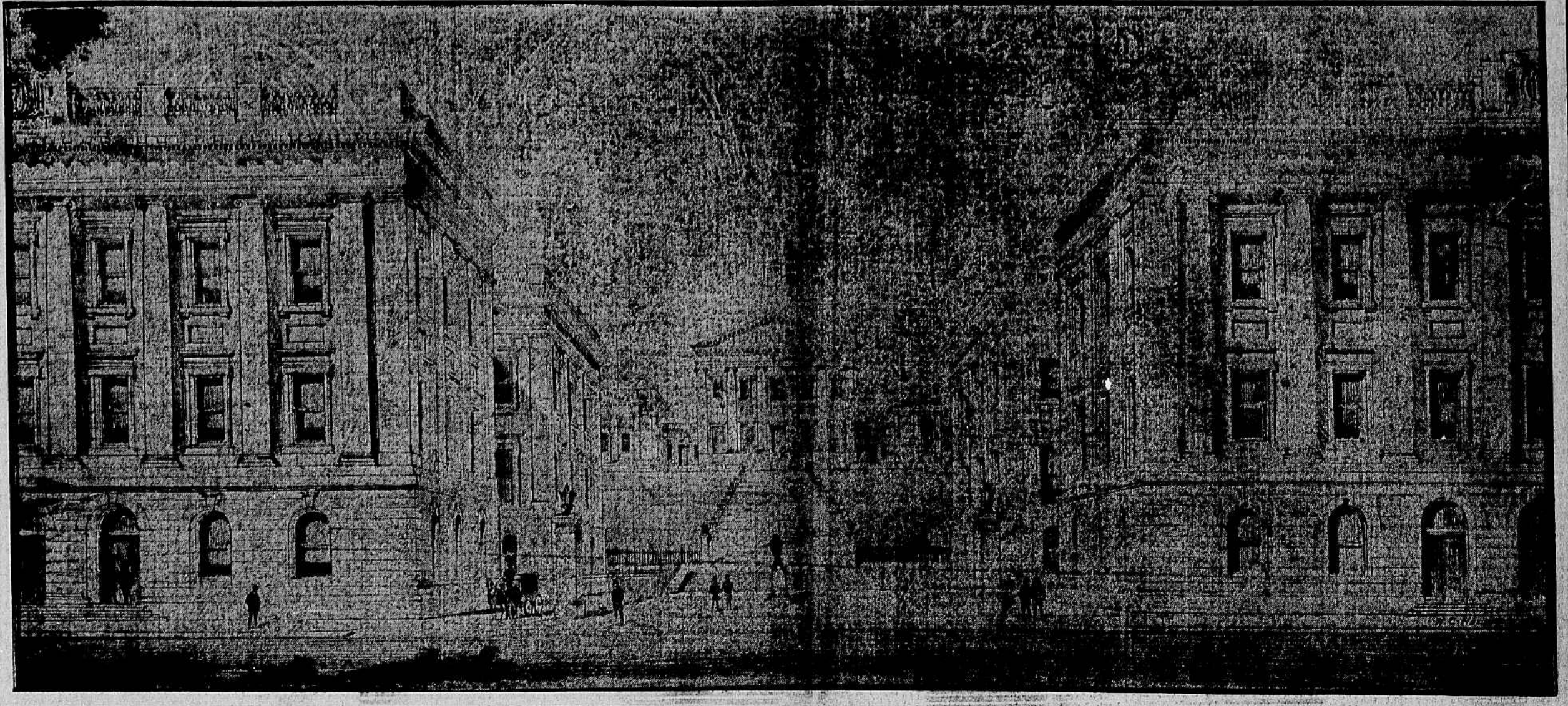


PROPOSED PLAN FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN RICHMOND



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER
TO LEAVE \$250,000,000
FOR MANY CHARITIES

Oil King Will Leave This
Immense Sum for
Public Benefits.

TO GIVE NEW YORK
FIFTY MILLIONS

Bulk of the Gift Will Be to Im-
prove Living Conditions.
Churches to Get Only a
Small Part — All
Classes Will Re-
ceive Benefits.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The Herald will, to-morrow say that according to a member of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s Bible class, and who is also a personal friend of John D. Rockefeller and in a position to know of his affairs, the latter proposes soon to make a princely gift to the city of New York. It will amount to at least \$50,000,000. It will be partly charitable and partly educational.

The Herald will add:

"This man informed a Herald reporter that when Mr. Rockefeller was conferring with his son at Lakewood, N. J., a fortnight ago, the meeting was not for the purpose of discussing any immediate gift, but was on the subject of Mr. Rockefeller's will, which document the oil king was then completing with the aid of his son and his lawyers. It was said that this document will astonish the world when it is made public.

It will, it is declared, donate no less than \$250,000,000 for charitable and educational purposes, and it will be so bestowed that the benefit therefrom will almost be perpetual. The manner in which these bequests will be bestowed is said to be mainly educational and charitable. While there are some contributions for religious purposes, it is stated that Mr. Rockefeller does not think it necessary to extend any great financial aid to churches. To his manner of thinking the churches are growing stronger and stronger, and there is no danger that they will ever need any great financial assistance from one man.

"Mr. Rockefeller, however, is said to be much in favor of the growth of education, and to the furtherance of this end he has done much in his will.

"He believes that education will make this country the greatest in the world, and that every cent contributed toward that object will help to make better citizens and better Christians.

"As to the charitable bequests, it was said some time ago that Mr. Rockefeller had in mind building model tenements for the poor, such as have been erected in some European cities.

"In his will, the Herald's informant states, Mr. Rockefeller has provided these three things: Bequests for religious purposes, though not of large sums; liberal bequests for education, and what are described as princely bequests for charitable purposes. It is said there is scarcely a man, woman or child that will not benefit in some way by these prospective donations."

THAW'S SCHOOL-
MATE AIDS HIM

Gives Out Statement That the
Prisoner Was a Model Lad
at Wooster College.

COUNSEL AGAIN DISAGREE

Hartridge Asked Question and
Got Mixed Up, Much to
Delmas's Disgust.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Harry K. Thaw spent a quiet Sunday in the Tombs. This afternoon Lawyer Dan O'Reilly visited Thaw and helped him prepare in duplicate a statement sent from Lewellyn Gilliland, of Van Wert, Ohio, in which the latter denounces as an injustice the stories which he says were sent out last summer from Wooster, Ohio, where Thaw and he were schoolmates at the Wooster University.

As Mr. O'Reilly was leaving the Tombs, he gave out copies of the statement sent out by Mr. Gilliland, who signed a note to the effect that the interview was authentic.

Mr. Gilliland says:

"The college escapades of a man whose life is regarded as a success are looked upon by the world as good jokes; but that same man afterwards falls from grace, and those same pranks are regarded as crimes, and thus it is that the escapades of Harry K. Thaw, who is now on trial in New York City for the slaying of Stanford White last summer on the roof of that noted architect's most famous structure, are being depicted as criminal, and that Thaw's career as such was begun while a lad in knee trousers in his early college days at Wooster, Ohio."

Mr. Gilliland then, at considerable length, reviews Thaw's school life, pointing out that Thaw has been credited with many pranks in which he never participated, and that as a matter of fact the prisoner's life at Wooster was in every way praiseworthy.

THAW'S COUNSEL
AGAIN AT ODDS

Jacobson Says That Hummel
Told the Truth About the
Affidavit.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The hypothetical question which Clifford W. Hartridge tried to give to Dr. William Mabon on cross-examination on Friday morning has resulted in another disagreement among counsel for the defense. Mr. Hartridge failed to make himself clear when presenting the question, and at the noon adjournment Mr. Delmas took him to task and finally the question was withdrawn. The result has been to cause another breach among counsel which, this time, bids fair to continue until the close of the trial.

Clifford W. Hartridge, attorney of re-

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DIED ON LONG TRIP
TO VISIT FIANCEE

Harry H. Rogers, of Den-
ver, Col., Succumbs at
Retreat for the Sick.

ENGAGED TO GIRL
IN NEWPORT NEWS

Was Journeying from Far West-
ern City to See Sweetheart
When Overtaken by Fatal
Illness—Young Lady
Comes to Rich-
mond.

Stricken with a fatal illness just as he reached Richmond after a journey all the way from Denver, Col., en route to Newport News to see his sweetheart, to whom he had just become engaged, Mr. Harry H. Rogers, a young man of about twenty-five years of age, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning at the Retreat for the Sick.

Mr. Rogers arrived in Richmond Wednesday evening, and the illness, which had attacked him on the train, became much worse. He went to the Davis Hotel that night, and, upon examination by Dr. Virgil Harrison, was found to be suffering from acute nephritis. On Saturday night brain symptoms developed, and he soon relapsed into a state of unconsciousness, from which he never recovered. He was taken to the Retreat, where yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Dr. Harrison performed the operation of decompression, trephining the skull to drain the brain. It was a last resource, but it was unavailing, and the young man never regained consciousness.

Fiancee Came On.

Little was known of Rogers until a letter was found in his pocket giving the address of a young lady in Newport News, whom it developed he was on his way to visit. She was immediately communicated with, and at once came to Richmond with a sister. She had met Mr. Rogers while on a visit to Colorado, and the young couple became engaged. They were soon to have been married, and the girl's grief over the sudden demise of her lover was pathetic in the extreme.

The young man was an only son. He was a ticket-seller in Denver, representing five different railroads. His father was a communicant with after his death, and he asked that the body be sent to Denver. It was taken to Billups's undertaking rooms last night, and will be prepared for shipment to his home. The young lady will probably return to her home today.

Known in Denver.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DENVER, COLO., March 17.—Harry H. Rogers is night ticket agent at the Union Station. He is the son of a conductor on the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. He left here last Monday for Newport News on his vacation. He was notified of an operation performed in Richmond to-day. He will start for Richmond to-morrow.

15,000 BALES OF COTTON
BURNED ON WHARF AT GENOA

GENOA, March 17.—Fire in the harbor here to-day destroyed 15,000 bales of cotton, and also damaged several vessels. The loss is estimated at more than a million dollars.

HONOR ERIN'S
PATRON SAINT

St. Patrick's Day Cele-
brated Throughout
United States.

NOTABLE SERMON
BY FATHER DOYLE

Reviews Work of the Great Mis-
sionary Bishop and Pays
Tribute to Irish People.
Parade of Societies
To-Day and Ban-
quet To-Night.

Throughout the length and breadth of the land, St. Patrick's Day, the anniversary devoted to honoring the patron saint of Ireland, was observed yesterday. Falling upon Sunday, it was appropriate that the life and services of the great missionary bishop who won Erin for Christianity, should be commemorated in the churches as well as by individuals who claim either descent or nativity from Ireland. The abbot of the Little Rock, Mo., Benedictine monastery, by means of which St. Patrick impressed the idea of the trinity God so effectively upon the hearers, was worn everywhere by Irishmen and their sons and daughters, by Catholics generally and by many other persons.

The principal observance of the day in Richmond was at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where special services were held, and Rev. Father Doyle, a noted Paulist missionary of Washington, preached an eloquent sermon in the nature of a review of the life and services of the great saint and its far-reaching influence upon the subsequent history of Ireland and of almost all civilized nations. Right Rev. A. Van de Vyver, bishop of the diocese of Richmond, presided at the services. Rev. Hugh J. McKeefrey celebrated the mass. Rev. Father Albert, O. S. B., assisting as deacon, and Rev. Thomas Rankin as subdeacon. There were forty-five surprised boys in the sanctuary. The services were attended by the four divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, with almost the entire membership of each present. The congregation was very large, the church being thronged with people. The altars were beautifully decorated with the American and Irish flags and with other appropriate garb.

Sermon by Dr. Doyle.

Dr. Doyle's theme was "The Trials and Triumphs of the Irish Race," and incidentally he offered a splendid panegyric to the missionary priest who, by his ministry and labors turned Ireland to Christianity. It was a thoughtful and brilliant review of the annals of a people whose history is not universally known, even among intelligent people, and in concluding it he offered a eulogy to the Hibernian people which could not fail to enhance their pride in their own nationality.

It is an honorable thing for a nation to be mindful of its benefactors, said the speaker. Men were but instruments in the hands of Providence in building up a nation's greatness. After elaborating this idea, the speaker declared that it was a good thing to be mindful of those men and to devote certain days to their honor, on which their virtues may be recalled and their

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NEGRO SOLDIER
CONFESSES RIOT

Says 25th Infantry Shot
Up the Town of
Brownsville.

MANY HELPED
TO CLEAN RIFLES

Row Began in Town—Soldiers
Returned to Barracks and
With Comrades, Returned
and Committed Riot.
Only One Company
Implicated.

GALVESTON, TEX., March 17.—The Galveston News to-day printed the alleged confession of a discharged negro soldier in explanation of the midnight riot of negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, who "shot up" Brownsville, Texas, on August 13, 1906. The News story says a statement was made by one of the discharged negro soldiers to two reporters, and that after seven months of investigation by the authorities of the United States, what appears to be the true version of the riot has come to light. The discharged soldier admits that he participated in the riot. This man has been living in Galveston since he and many others of the Twenty-fifth Infantry were discharged without honor by order of President Roosevelt from the military service.

White Man Struck Negro.

According to the alleged statement made to the reporters, the outrage was not premeditated, but was the result of an alleged injury done one of the soldiers by a white man in Brownsville about a half hour before the riot started. The negro, the story says, was struck by the white man at a resort in Brownsville. The negro, returning to the barracks, seized his rifle and announced that he was going to kill the white man.

Several other negroes promptly volunteered to go along to wipe out old scores against white citizens on account of injuries they had suffered. The negroes returned to the barracks, after committing the riot on the town, and many soldiers assisted in the hurried cleaning

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TAKES "UNWRITTEN
LAW" IN OWN HANDS

Fires Five Bullets Into Man Who
He Claimed Ruined His
Home.

EL RENO, OKLA., March 17.—W. R. Rhea, a corncrier, returned from Fort Worth last night and this afternoon walked into the confectionery establishment of A. Nowell, in the principal street of the city, and fired five shots at the proprietor, killing him instantly. Rhea stooped over and put out the powder fire in Nowell's clothing, and then stepped out in the street and threatened to the chief of police, saying, "I would kill any man who ruined my home."

GENERAL APPROVAL OF
PLAN FOR NEW SYSTEM
OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

REVOLUTION IN
CUBA IMMINENT

Passengers on the Momus Say
That Whites Fear
War.

NEGROES ARE AGGRESSIVE

Have Taken to the Scrub and
Are Burning the Sugar-
Cane Fields.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 17.—Riot and bloodshed are conspiring to throw Cuba into another revolution, according to passengers reaching here to-day aboard the steamer Momus.

"The Cuban people are preparing for war," declared Baron Remberthor Munchhausen, who spent five years on the island and engaged with other foreigners in quelling recent riots at Havana, and was first lieutenant of Battery C, of the machine gun batteries, which was effective during the strenuous days of the rebellion.

"The withdrawal of the troops from the island," he continued, "will mean the undoing of all that has been accomplished, and Americans and others will be compelled to abandon their estates and submit to outrages."

Taft's Visit Disastrous.

"The visit of Secretary Taft had a disastrous effect upon the negroes. The blacks have been spurred on in the belief that the salvation of the race lies entirely with them. The Americans and foreigners had the utmost confidence in resident Palma and certain members of his cabinet, but there were others eager for the opportunity to pilfer the treasury and wreck the country. I do not think the coming revolution will originate through politics alone. It will be more of a race war between the white Americans and Spanish on one side and the negroes on the other. The troops are doing a great deal of good, but when the time comes I am afraid the militia will prove troublesome. The negroes who were defeated by the white stevedores in the recent labor troubles at Havana are already taking to the bushes and are setting fire to the cane fields. There is no chance for their fighting in the open. They go into the country and get in their work with the torch and occasionally ambush an enemy."

HIGHWAYMEN HELD UP
30 PERSONS; GET \$3,500

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., March 17.—A special from Oaxaca, Mex., says that last night a band of ten armed bandits held possession of the highway, about four miles from Tula, and robbed thirty persons of more than \$3,500. The victims were held captive by the robbers until their operations were concluded. In consequence the highwaymen escaped far into the mountains before an alarm was given.

Widespread Interest In
Suggestion of Entire
Block for Post-Office.

WHAT CAPT. LAMB
SAYS OF PROSPECT

Richmond Architect Makes Draw-
ing Outlining Scheme Pro-
posed—Government Archi-
tect Will Be Here
This Week to Go
Over Ground.

CAN GET BUILDINGS
WITH UNITED EFFORTS

"The drawing made by Mr. Noland gives an excellent idea of what is proposed. I have been about the streets of Richmond for the past week, and with one exception, every one to whom I have mentioned the matter has heartily approved. If the citizens of Richmond will get together on this proposition, for the benefit of the whole city, rather than any one street, we will be able to carry it through. Assistant Supervising Architect Charles E. Kemper is expected here almost any day, and I hope to be able to show him that this is really what the people of Richmond want. I believe that with a mutual effort backing me, we can succeed in securing the appropriations for the additional ground and for any extra cost of building over the present \$900,000 available."—Captain John Lamb, in statement made yesterday.

Enthusiastically endorsed by citizens generally and warmly approved by Mayor McCarthy and other prominent officials, the plan for a new system of public buildings in Richmond appears now, with continued exertions and hearty co-operation assured, within at least measurable distance of realization.

Assistant Supervising Architect Kemper, of the Division of Public Buildings, is expected in Richmond this week, and will go over the ground with care. So far as can be seen, the proposal of dividing the building into two sections, with an open plaza between, offering a vista and approach to the State Capitol, meets every objection to the old post-office site. By the united efforts of the city, State and Federal authorities, a well equipped post-office, with abundant light from all four sides, an elegant court-house, fireproof if necessary, and a court leading to the State Capitol building from Main Street, can be secured.

Tentative Plans Drawn.

The plan provides for the condemnation by the Federal government of the remainder of the block, including the old Mutual Assurance Society building, the National Bank of Virginia building, and the old Capitol law and real estate building, at the corner of Eleventh and Bank Streets. It is believed that the whole tract could be secured for not over